[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(2) Do arrangements now exist for affording facilities to junior men medical officers to acquire practical knowledge and skill in midwifery?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Number of abnormal labour cases attended by men medical officers in 1101:

In hospitals	399.
Outside	581.

(2) Arrangements for affording such facilities are under contemplation.

Aid to poor pregnant Women.

35. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of poor women admitted into hospitals in an advanced state of pregnancy and awaiting confinement, to whom food in the form of "quarter diet" and "half diet" was given in the year 1101; and

(*b*) the number to whom no food was given either during their waiting period or after child-birth?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) All poor women are given the necessary diet while in the hospital. In regard to the statistics required, the Government consider that the advantage resulting from them is not commensurate with the labour involved in collecting them.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Can the Chief Secretary assure me that none of these women who were awaiting confinement was given "quarter diet" or "half diet"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer has been given according to the report of the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I want to know from the Government whether they can assure me that none of these women who were waiting for confinement was under-fed.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no more information than that furnished by the Board.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to call for the information as to the number of women admitted in 1101 who were awaiting confinement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Conversion of Paddy Lands into Garden Lands.

36. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of paddy lands converted by owners into garden lands in the taluk of Trivandrum during the last six years (1096-1101) and the reasons for such conversion as far as they are ascertainable?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly